

On July 12, 2001, Governor Ryan signed PA 92-0071. This Act, in part, amended the Public Utilities Act by adding 220 ILCS 5/8-501.5 and 220 ILCS 5/8-505.5. Staff developed a draft of new 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 535 in response to this legislation. Staff provided its draft of Code Part 535 to interested parties on October 18, 2001, with a request for comments on the rule by November 19, 2001. We thank those parties that took the time to provide comments on the first draft of Code Part 535.

Based on your comments, we developed a second draft of Code Part 535. We have attached two copies of the second draft to this message: one copy is a clean version and the other is in legislative style. Please review our second draft and provide any suggestions for alternative or additional language by February 15, 2002.

The next step in the process for development of Code Part 535 depends on the comments we receive on our second draft. If your comments demonstrate significant disagreement with our second draft rule, we will schedule a workshop. If you believe a workshop is necessary, please include that information with your comments. If it appears to us that the parties are in general agreement with our second draft rule, we will consider the comments we receive, make any necessary minor modifications to our draft, and send a staff report to the Commission, recommending that the Commission use our draft for its first notice of a proposed Code Part 535 rulemaking.

Please direct any questions about the attached documents to either Eric Lounsberry at 217-785-5436 or Mark Maple at 217-785-3403.

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